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'Communal proportion' rule. A statement[a] is now placed on the table of the House showing the services and posts to which recruitment is made on a communal basis.

"(c) The rule prescribing recruitment to the Madras Civil Service (Executive Branch) on communal basis has been in force for the past more than twenty years."

Payment of dearness allowance to teachers in aided institutions.

*198 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have ordered the managements of aided institutions to pay dearness allowance to teachers employed under them from 1st January 1948;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what steps the Government propose to take against recalcitrant managements; and

(c) whether the Government have offered to assist the managements with special grants if their finances did not permit payment of dearness allowance at the rates fixed?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Education):—"(a) & (b) It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to secondary schools in the question. The Director of Public Instruction has issued instructions to aided school managements to pay the teachers under their employment, dearness allowance at Government rates. With a view to get this done, the Government have instructed the Director of Public Instruction to investigate into the financial position of managements of schools which are not paying the allowance at Government rates and to direct them to pay the allowance at these rates if their financial position will permit.

"(c) The Government are giving special grants to the managements which do not pay dearness allowance at Government rates equal to half the difference between the maximum amount of allowance payable and the amount actually paid by the management subject to the condition that the managements should disburse to the staff the amount of allowance due out of the special grant. This system is extended from year to year."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"May I know whether the system of giving special grants is followed this year?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"Yes."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"The Government information about the number of aided managements which are not yet paying dearness allowance at Government rates in spite of the fact that special grants are given?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"Yes, Sir."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 960–961 infra.

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are the Government satisfied that all aided school managements are paying dearness allowance to the teachers at Government rates? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" No, Sir. Dearness allowance at Government rate is not paid in 40 aided schools, 38 boys' schools and 2 girls' schools."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of making an extra grant in addition to the special grant to managements which are not able to give dearness allowance at Government rates even after the receipt of the special grant? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The question shall be examined."

Procurement and distribution of manures to ryots.

* 199 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) what quantity of groundnut cake, chemical fertilizers and green-manure seeds were distributed in exchange for paddy bonus coupons and sold to ryots without coupons;

(*b*) the quantities of groundnut cake, chemical fertilizers and green-manure seeds procured for distribution and the cost to Government on account of the same;

(*c*) the quantities of chemical fertilizers received out of the pool and locally purchased and the rates of purchase and sale of these manures; and

(*d*) what the sources of supply of chemical manures are?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) to (*c*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (*d*) The Government of India are allotting chemical fertilizers to all provinces from the Central Pool. Allocations for India are made by the International Emergency Food Council, Washington. The consignments are from places like Belgium, Canada and the United Kingdom. Locally, sulphate of ammonia is obtained from Messrs. The Fertilizers and Chemicals, Travancore, Limited, Alwaye."

Encouragements for the growth of foodgrains in the Province.

* 200 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to put restrictions on tobacco, jute and sugarcane crops to see that more foodgrains are grown in the Province; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to increase the prices of foodgrains for the purpose of encouraging more production of foodgrains or reduce the price of commercial crops for discouraging production of tobacco and jute?

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 962–963 infra.